

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

4th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on January 29, 2008.

2. Fast Track Advisory Opinions.

A. Chief Thomas D. Gordon, Chief of Police for the Town of Warren,

requests an advisory opinion as to whether his son-in-law may be hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher within the Police Department, given that he would be directly supervised by other Warren police officers, all of whom are subordinate to the Chief.

B. Michael Mello, the Building Official for the Town of Little Compton, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he may simultaneously work as a contractor, specifically a finish carpenter, in the Town of Little Compton.

C. The Town of Smithfield Zoning Board of Review requests an advisory opinion regarding whether it may hear and decide an appeal from the Planning Board pursuant to the Rule of Necessity, given that conflicts of interest prevent the Zoning Board from achieving a necessary quorum of five active members.

D. Amy Grzybowski, a Homeland Security Grant Manager for the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she may accept part-time employment by Hillard Heintze, LLC, a private security and public safety consulting group in Chicago, as a grant consultant to assist public and private agencies in the preparation of grant applications.

E. Frederick C. Stachura, a member of the Tiverton Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he is prohibited from participating in a review of proposed amendments to the Tiverton Zoning Ordinance as requested by the Tiverton Yacht Club given that his children took swimming lessons at the Yacht Club in July of 2007.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2)(4), to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on January 29, 2008.

b.) Motion to return to Open Session.

4. Discussion of 2008 Legislation.

5. Discussion and public comment concerning proposed regulation re: Officers of Public Agencies.

6. Election of Secretary.

7. Director's Report.

8. New Business.

9. Adjournment.

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